

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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January 18, 1984

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Remedial Response Section  
230 S. Dearborn  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attn: <sup>Jm</sup> John Knoy

Dear Mr. Knoy:

For the purpose of identification, I will refer to Avon Township File Numbers, as referenced in the enclosed map.

File #68-7: This site is on the corner of Hamlin Road and Dequindre Road, and runs back to School Road. As a commercial landfill that accepted household, commercial and industrial refuse, part of the operational procedure on the site was that the sand was excavated out down to the water table and the Ladd Drain that runs through the site was relocated during operation. This site was actively filled between 1969 and to approximately 1974, with a cap of stainless steel foundry slag being placed on top of the clay cover, making a base cover for recreational vehicle storage facility.

File #65-03: The bulk of this site was filled with some clay on the west property line and foundry slag from Jones and Laughlin stainless steel mill in Warren, Michigan. You will find a few barrels, some railroad ties, and miscellaneous debris out of their yard. On the common boundary on the east side of the site, there is a strip of general refuse placed approximately 200 feet wide and 500 feet long. The filling on this site ceased in approximately 1978 or 1979, with final restoration being completed in the spring of 1983.

File #67-9: This site lays west of the Jones and Laughlin steel site and was excavated to the water table and filled with general household, commercial and industrial refuse. Also the Ladd Drain, which runs through the site, was relocated during the operation. The majority of this site was filled prior to 1969 or early 1970's. The small three acre site directly to the north of File #67-9, as outlined in yellow, is a wood fill site along with cardboard and other materials such as hardfill, brick, rock, broken concrete, etc. No garbage was filled on this site, it was an extension of our File #68-7.

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File #71-114: This site was originally an eleven acre site as filed with the Township. There was approximately three acres having been filled with household, commercial and industrial refuse. This was the first site in the area where the Michigan Department of Natural Resources allowed the operators to dig below the common water table in the area. In theory the operators were supposed to seal off the water with a clay dike being keyed into the natural layer of clay, approximately thirty feet below the top of the grade. The operators had extreme difficulty trying to accomplish this. After filling three acres and a lawsuit by a group of homeowners, the remainder of the site did not get filed, and as part of the consent judgement was supposed to be filled with stainless steel slag from Jones and Laughlin steel mill. However, as the requirements for the disposal of the slag fill material became more restricted, the operators were not able to structurally build a clay dike and stop the water from flowing into the site. The site has been abandoned and deeded back to its original title holder, and there is approximately three square acres of water in the bottom of the hole. The portion of the site with yellow horizontal lines is the portion that is filled with refuse and the north end of the site has the large hole. The refuse was placed on site in the years 1975 and 1976.

File #69-50: As outlined in blue, this site has been filled and operated by Southeastern Oakland County Incinerator Authority. Generally household refuse and partially burnt residue from Southeastern Oakland County Incinerator Authority was deposited on this site. However, in 1982 Dr. Norm Zimmerman, who was with the Toxic Substance Control Commission did document the leachage running from this site into Dequindre Road leaves some question as to what was buried in this site. The filling started in the early 1970's and was generally completed by 1980.

Directly to the west of File #69-50, as outlined in blue, was also filled by Southeastern Oakland County Incinerator Authority. This site was operated by them and has general household refuse, along with the residue from Southeastern's incinerators. Filling on this site occurred in the early 1960's and was completed in the early 1970's.

File #72-169: This is a wood fill that was operated by the City of Highland Park for a number of years. The reason that it has the file number 72 was because that was the year the Township discovered there was a filling operation, since it was so isolated. The place was used to dispose large amounts of dead elm trees cut from the City and is presently in the phase of being capped and closed out.

File #65-20: This too is a landfill which started out as a gravel operation and was excavated into the water table and filled with general household, commercial and industrial refuse.

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It has been documented by the Keck Report of 1976 that was commissioned by the Bureau of Facilities, Department of Management and Budget, at the direction of the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee of the Michigan Legislature, that this landfill was responsible for the pollution of the water table and that a flow of the polluted water is traveling easterly underground toward the Clinton River.

As you can see by the locations on the map, it is rather hard for me to tell what site you are referring to under the name of Sand Fill 2 or 3. The operators of Sand Fill started out as M.A.L., Enterprises, Fill Sand, Inc., Sand Fill, Inc., and then Kingston Development. They physically were responsible for operating on file numbers 68-7, 65-03, 67-9, and 71-114, not necessarily with the same principals in the corporation. Some of the principals were Edward Malner, Leonard Shaddock, Charles Gregory, Michael Cohl, and John Spokaeski. John Spokaeski was involved with all the corporations, including File 65-20. He would be a good individual to talk to if you were trying to find out who dumped what and where.

I am enclosing for your convenience copies of some of the correspondence that I think may be of interest to you regarding this area.

I trust this is the information you need. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

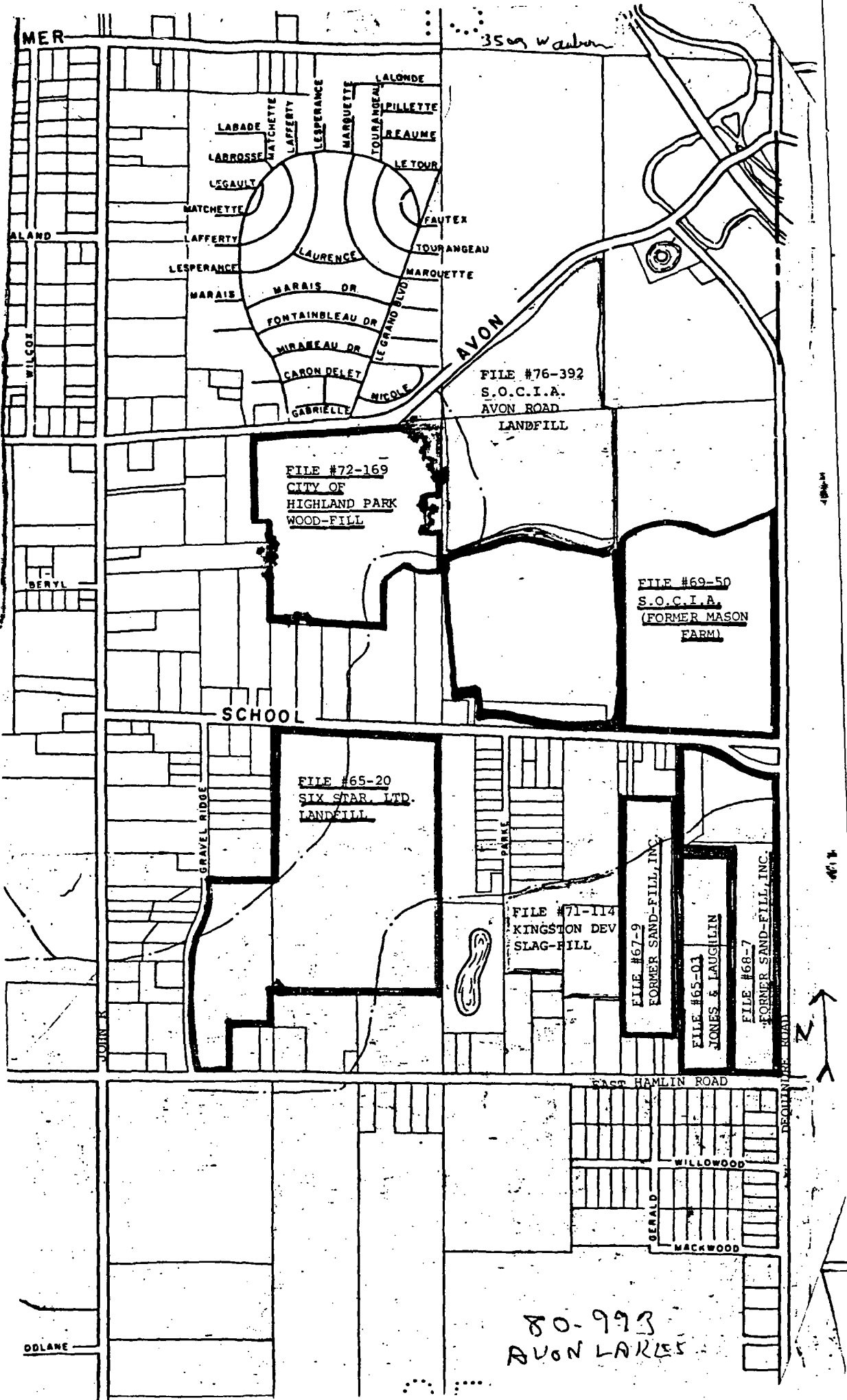
Sincerely,

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

  
Jerome J. Eby  
Housing & Zoning Official

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Encs.



MER

3500 W. Auburn

ALAND

WILSON

BERYL

SCHOOL

JOHN K

GRAVEL RIDGE

PARK

EAST HAMLIN ROAD

ODLANE

80-993  
AVON LAKES

DEQUINNE ROAD

FILE #72-169  
CITY OF  
HIGHLAND PARK  
WOOD-FILL

FILE #76-392  
S.O.C.I.A.  
AVON ROAD  
LANDFILL

FILE #69-50  
S.O.C.I.A.  
(FORMER MASON  
FARM)

FILE #65-20  
SIX STAR, LTD.  
LANDFILL

FILE #71-114  
KINGSTON DEV  
SLAG-FILL

FILE #67-9  
FORMER SAND-FILL, INC.

FILE #65-01  
JONES & LAUGHLIN

FILE #68-7  
FORMER SAND-FILL, INC.

WILLOWOOD  
GERALD  
MACKWOOD

Name of Disposal Facility Six Star LTD

Location 1131 E. Hamlin Road, Rochester Avon Oakland  
(Street Address) (City) (Township) (County)

Name of Operator John Spokaeski Address 12085 Moran, Hamtramick

Property Owner Stans Trucking Address 1131 E. Hamlin Road

Municipalities from which refuse is received Metro

Isolation: (Nearest Residence) Adjacent (Miles) (Feet)

Type of Facility: ☒ SL (Sanitary Landfill) ☐ PP (Processing Plant)  
☐ TR (Transfer Facility) ☐ CC (Collection Center)

(✓) Indicates Compliance (X) Noncompliance (-) Does not Apply

ITEMS REQUIRED IN ALL FACILITIES (SL, TR, PP, CC):

Plan on File	_____	Operation Conforms to Plan	<u>X</u>
Restricted Access	_____	Salvaging	_____
Burning Restricted	_____	Attendant	_____
Traffic Flow	_____	On-Site Roads	_____

ITEMS REQUIRED IN SL, TR, PP:

Equipment	<u>✓</u>	Equipment Maintenance	_____
Fire Protection	_____	Dust & Odor Control	<u>X</u>
Hazardous Material	_____	Paper Confined	<u>X</u>
Vermin Control	<u>X</u>	General Maintenance	<u>X</u>

ITEMS REQUIRED IN SL ONLY:

Protection of Ground and Surface Water	<u>X</u>	Period of Cover	<u>X</u>
Spreading Refuse	<u>X</u>	Cover Maintenance	<u>X</u>
Compaction	_____	Completion of Area	_____
Cell Volumes	_____	Surface Water Drainage	<u>X</u>

ITEMS REQUIRED IN TR AND PP ONLY:

Container Construction	_____	Building Enclosed	_____
Container Removal	_____	Dumping Area	_____
Storage Area	_____	Daily Log	_____

ITEMS REQUIRED IN TR, PP, AND CC:

Screening Around Facility	_____
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REMARKS

1. Ditch on the south-side is full of papers, garbage and rubbish. Needs to be cleaned immediately and to be opened to the northside pond as per plan also to be protected (by fence or any other means). At present this ditch is in a very insanitary condition which causes odors and contaminates the surface water.
2. Daily cover is very poor, at present dumping is done in many different sites at the same time. This procedure makes it very difficult to have proper daily

☐ Approved ☒ Not Approved

Person Interviewed John Spokaeski

Inspected By K. Shults

Date 6/15/78

Representing Oakland County Health Dept.